

***TOWN OF NEWFIELDS BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2010***

Present: Selectmen: Michael Woodworth, Rosanne Gilbert, and Wes Moore. Others present included: Clay Mitchell, Sue McKinnon, Jamie Thompson, John Crisp, Amy Sununu, Natalie Fream, and Chief Reed.

Call to order: 5:03pm by Chairman Gilbert

Health Insurance coverage for town employees was discussed.

Wes informed the Board that the Police Department Facilities Expansion Project Committee will be meeting tomorrow night.

Clay Mitchell ran the U-tube video of the current police department to show the need for a new police department facility. It is not available to the public at this time as it requires some fine tuning.

Clay is still researching answers for questions posed at the PACE Public Hearing with regard to foreclosed properties.

Clay graciously offered to reduce his contract price to the Town by \$500. The Selectmen accepted his offer. Dragon Mosquito Company submitted their 2011 proposal to the Town and reduced their price by \$5,000. The Selectmen appreciate all of the companies and individuals that agreed to reduce their pricing to help the Newfields taxpayers.

At 5:58pm the meeting went into a non-public session per RSA 91-A:3, II to discuss a personnel issue and a contract. The meeting re-opened to the public at 6:25pm.

The Celebration Committee went over their expenditures for 2010 and explained reasons why their 2011 budget should remain the same as this year. The Selectmen thanked the Celebration Committee for all of their hard work throughout the year. The Selectmen and the Budget Advisory Committee agreed to keep the Celebration budget at \$4,000.

Chief Reed gave two estimates to the Selectmen for a generator to run the Town Hall in emergencies. The estimates did not include the cost of the lp tank and the cost to fill it. He will return to the next meeting with that information.

The Police Department budget was discussed. Rosanne Gilbert and Michael Woodworth were happy with the budget. Wes Moore felt the budget should be reduced.

Wes Moore made a motion to reduce the Selectmen's stipend from \$2,000. per year to \$1,500. per year. Michael asked to keep the stipend the same. Rosanne asked to table discussion until a future meeting. The motion was withdrawn by Wes.

Wes made a motion to reduce the Highway Department budget from \$218,600. to \$200,000. The motion was seconded by Rosanne. The motion passed with two in favor and one against. Jamie spoke about the repercussions of delaying paving.

Jamie will bring information to the Selectmen on street light energy savings programs.

Wes made a motion to accept the minutes of the December 7, 2010 meeting as written. Michael seconded the motion and the motion passed with all in favor.

Checks were signed. The assessing contract was signed. The dental coverage contract was signed. Town Hall rent was discussed. There was a complaint about the lack of heat in the Town Hall during church services. After discussion, it was agreed to program the thermostat to increase the heat one hour before church services begin.

The annual meeting timeline was reviewed.

At 8:25pm Rosanne made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Michael and the motion passed with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy J. Spencer
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